



Introduced Version

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Kersey, Adams T, Aguilera, Alderman, Atterholt, Avery, Ayres, Bardon, Bauer, Becker, Behning, Bischoff, Bodiker, Bosma, Bottorff, Brown C, Brown T, Buck, Budak, Buell, Burton, Cheney, Cherry, Cochran, Cook, Crawford, Crooks, Crosby, Day, Denbo, Dickinson, Dillon, Dobis, Dumezich, Duncan, Dvorak, Espich, Foley, Frenz, Friend, Frizzell, Fry, GiaQuinta, Goeglein, Goodin, Gregg, Grubb, Harris, Hasler, Herndon, Herrell, Hinkle, Hoffman, Klinker, Kromkowski, Kruse, Kruzan, Kuzman, Lawson L, Leuck, Liggett, Lutz J, Lytle, Mahern, Mangus, Mannweiler, McClain, Mellinger, Mock, Moses, Munson, Murphy, Oxley, Pelath, Pond, Porter, Richardson, Ripley, Robertson, Ruppel, Saunders, Scholer, Smith M, Smith V, Steele, Stevenson, Stilwell, Sturtz, Summers, Thompson, Tincher, Torr, Turner, Ulmer, Weinzapfel, Welch, Whetstone, Wolkins, Young D, Yount

20013387

HR 1573/DI 84+

2001



A RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Whereas, On November 1, 2001, the Constitution of the State of Indiana will mark its 150th birthday;

Whereas, There is no more important document in the history of our state than our constitution;

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Indiana was approved in convention at Indianapolis on February 10, 1851, and ratified by the voters of Indiana on November 1, 1851;

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Indiana is the eighth oldest state constitution and is still one of the most concise and least amended;

Whereas, Only ten state constitutions, seven of which have been adopted in the past 40 years, have been amended fewer times than Indiana's constitution;

Whereas, In 15 decades, the voters of Indiana have ratified only 41 amendments--19 of these since 1970--the only 19th century constitution that has been amended fewer times is the 1891 constitution of the State of Kentucky with 35 amendments;

Whereas, There are only three state constitutions that are shorter than our 10,230 word constitution - New Hampshire's with 9,200 words, Vermont's with 6,880 words, and Connecticut's with 9,564 words;

Whereas, The writers of Indiana's charter realized that constitutions are meant to be changed, but they also understood that even though changes are needed to allow for progress, our constitution must remain faithful to the fundamental laws of our state; and

Whereas, Indiana's constitution, which has stood the test of time with very few changes, testifying to the expertise of our founding fathers, has for almost 150 years provided the citizens of Indiana a common rule by which to live: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the
3 Constitution of the State of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor
6 Frank O'Bannon.

